Setting up of Health Survey Units for monitoring health schemes

3054. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up health survey units in the remote areas of the country to monitor the implementation of health scheme benefits percolating down to the poorest of the poor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Six Field Survey Units have been set up to collect statistics and conduct surveys to fill gaps in the available official health statistical information and also to improve the quality of available data of field surveys. They are located at Bangalore, Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal, Jaipur, Lucknow and Patna. Monitoring of ongoing Health Schemes is done by the Government of India and State Health Departments.

Centre for C.G.F.N.S. examination

3055. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government have recently approached the Government of India for opening a Centre for C.G.F.N.S. examination for the recruitment of nurses; if so, what is Government's policy in this matter ;

(b) whether Government are aware that there are job opportunities for the Indian nurses in the USA; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take up the matter with the US Government for simplifying the recruitment procedures ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir. However, Indian Embassy in USA have received certain requests from private organisations/ institutions etc. which have been received in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) No. Sir.

Antonov-AN-124 Transport Planes for the IAF

3056. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IAF will take delivery of the first two Antonov-AN-124 transport planes from the Soviet Union and if so, what is the amount Govt. have paid for the same;

(b) whether these aircrafts are equivalent to the American C-54 Galaxy fighters;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to procure more such aircrafts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPATRMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.